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Memorandum

TO: Administration Committee

DATE: October 5, 2011

FR: Executive Director

W. I. 1132

RE: Contract Amendment: Legislative Representation in Sacramento, CA: Carter, Wetch and Associates

On September 30, 2005, MTC issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for assistance in providing the Commission with legislative advocacy services in Sacramento. This contract covered a five year period through October 31, 2011, with an option to extend another five years thereafter through FY 2014-15.

A panel of three Commissioners and MTC staff recommended the selection of Carter, Wetch and Associates. The Commission authorized a contract in 2005 to fund the first two years of the contract, exercised two one-year options in 2007 and 2008, and an additional two-year option in 2009, extending the contract through October 31, 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$111,600 per year. This amount has remained unchanged for the six years of the contract period.

Carter, Wetch and Associates have served the Commission very well the past six years. The original team consisted of Scott Wetch, Duncan McFetridge and Paul Bauer. In 2010, Duncan McFetridge joined a new firm, Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, Schreck, but has continued the partnership with Scott Wetch, representing MTC. In addition, Paul Bauer ended his relationship with the team when he was hired by a new firm. Since then, Carter, Wetch & Associates hired Eduardo Martinez, who has replaced Paul Bauer as the third member of the team. Throughout 2011, Scott Wetch, Duncan McFetridge, and Eduardo Martinez have been effective voices of the Commission's agenda in Sacramento, while steadily gaining an appreciation of MTC's need to work in consensus and cooperation with a complex array of partner agencies.

Staff recommends that the Committee authorize the Executive Director or his designee to negotiate and enter into a two-year contract extension with Carter, Wetch and Associates, to provide legislative advocacy services on behalf of MTC, in an amount not to exceed \$111,600 per year, subject to necessary budget approvals for the second year of the extension. The Committee's approval would be subject to the approval of the contract amendment by the Legislation Committee on October 14, 2011.

Steve Heminger

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Summary of Proposed Contract Amendment

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| Work Item No.: | 1132 |
| Consultant: | Carter, Wetch & Associates Sacramento, California |
| Work Project Title: | Sacramento legislative advocacy services |
| Purpose of Project: | Advocate on behalf of MTC, MTC SAFE and BATA with the California Legislature |
| Brief Scope of Work: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assist MTC in advocating for or against pending legislation, consistent with MTC's adopted legislative program• Assist in scheduling meetings with appropriate members of the Legislature as well as with other state officials• Assist in preparation of materials, testimony and written communication with regard to MTC's interests concerning legislation, programs and other activities |
| Project Cost Not to Exceed: | \$111,600 per year or \$223,200 for two years (this amendment) |
| Funding Source: | TDA, SAFE |
| Fiscal Impact: | This year's amendment is programmed in the adopted agency budget; next year's would be subject to budget approval. |
| Motion by Committees: | That the Executive Director or his designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract amendment with Carter, Wetch & Associates to provide legislative advocacy services in Sacramento for a two-year period from November 1, 2011 through October 31, 2013 in FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13 and the Chief Financial Officer is directed to set aside funds for such amendment, subject to necessary budget approvals. |
| Legislation Committee | <hr/> Scott Haggerty, Chair |
| Date Approved: | October 14, 2011 |
| Administration Committee: | <hr/> Dave Cortese, Chair |
| Date Approved: | October 12, 2011 |